

From the perspective of the manner in which afflictive obstructions are eliminated, approachers to the result of stream-enterer can also be categorized into:

- 1) Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators
- 2) Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators

**1) Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators**

Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators (*spang bya rim gyis pa'i rgyun zhugs zhugs pa*) are Hinayana Aryas abiding on the uninterrupted path of the path of seeing who will later (when they are no longer *approachers* to the result of stream-enterer) serially or sequentially eliminate the different types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and their supramundane counterparts. This means that they will temporarily or irrevocably eliminate the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm before irrevocably eliminating the sixth type of *supramundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. Also, they will temporarily or irrevocably eliminate the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm before irrevocably eliminating the ninth type of *supramundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. As mentioned above, Gradual-Eliminators are either Leapers or Gradual-Attainers. But since Leapers do not attain the result of stream-enterer, there are no approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Leapers. Thus, *approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators* are necessarily Gradual-Attainers.

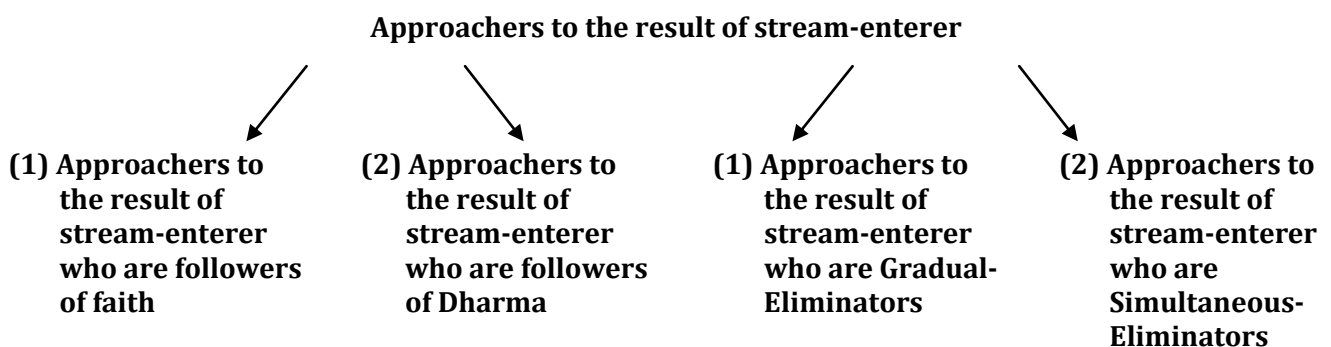
**2) Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators**

Approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators (*spang bya cig char ba'i rgyun zhugs zhugs pa*) are Hinayana Aryas abiding on the uninterrupted path of the path of seeing who will later (when they are no longer *approachers* to the result of stream enterer) simultaneously and irrevocably eliminate both the different types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm *and* their supramundane counterparts. This means that their sixth uninterrupted path of the path of meditation will simultaneously and irrevocably eliminate the sixth type of both mundane *and* supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, while their ninth uninterrupted path of the path of meditation will simultaneously and irrevocably eliminate the ninth type of both mundane *and* supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

Therefore, as explained above, *approachers to the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators* will not temporarily eliminate the *sixth* type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm with a mundane uninterrupted path (of the preparatory stage of the first concentration), nor will they irrevocably eliminate the *sixth* type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm with any of the first five supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation. Likewise, they will not temporarily eliminate the *ninth* type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm with a mundane uninterrupted path (of the preparatory stage of the first concentration), nor will they irrevocably eliminate the *ninth* type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm with any of the first eight supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation.

Therefore, *approachers to the result of stream-enterer* who are Simultaneous-Eliminators will not attain the results of once-returner and non-returner.

However, they will attain the result of foe-destroyer when they achieve the irrevocable cessation of the ninth type of both mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and of the other eight levels of the Form and Formless Realms.



## ABIDERS IN THE RESULT OF STREAM-ENTERER

Stream-enterers and abiders in the result of stream-enterer are equivalent.

As explained earlier, stream-enterers are Hinayana Aryas who achieve the irrevocable cessation of the three fetters (intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions) without having temporarily eliminated the sixth type of *mundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm prior to reaching the Hinayana path of seeing.

The first moment of a stream-enterer refers to a Hinayana Arya who abides on the path of release of the path of seeing that attains the cessation of the three fetters. And he remains a stream-enterer for as long as he does not attain the result of once-returner or foe-destroyer.

Like approachers to the result of stream-enterer, from the perspective of the manner in which afflictive obstructions are eliminated, abiders in the result of stream-enterer can be categorized into:

- 1) Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators
- 2) Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators

### 1) Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators

Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators (*spang bya rim gyis pa'i rgyun zhugs 'bras gnas*) are stream-enterers who serially or sequentially eliminate the different types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and their supramundane counterparts. This means that they temporarily or irrevocably eliminate the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm before irrevocably eliminating the sixth type of *supramundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, and they temporarily or irrevocably eliminate the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm before irrevocably eliminating the ninth type of *supramundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

The first moment of an *abider in the result of stream-enterer who is a Gradual-Eliminator* refers to a stream-enterer who abides on the path of release of the path of seeing that attains the cessation of the three fetters. And the last moment of an *abider in the result of stream-enterer who is a Gradual-Eliminator* refers to a Gradual-Eliminator who abides on an uninterrupted path that temporarily or irrevocably eliminates the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm without also irrevocably eliminating the supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

Therefore, a Gradual-Eliminator remains a stream-enterer for as long as he does not attain the temporary or irrevocable *cessation* of the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and thus becomes a once-returner.

As mentioned before, since Leapers do not attain the result of stream-enterer, there are no abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Leapers. Hence, abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators are necessarily Gradual-Attainers.

From the perspective of their mental faculty, *abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators* can also be categorized into two:

- i. Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and believers-by-faith
- ii. Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and attainers-by-seeing

#### i. *Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and believers-by-faith*

In general, both believers-by-faith (*dad mos pa*) and followers of faith refer to practitioners of weak mental faculty who, as explained earlier, rely less on reasoning and more on scriptures, etc.

Therefore, *abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and believers-by-faith* are Gradual-Eliminator stream-enterers of weak mental faculty. But even though believers-by-faith and followers of faith have the same meaning, the scriptures apply the term 'followers of faith' when describing *approachers* to the result of stream-enterer of weak mental faculty and the term 'believers-by-faith' when describing *abiders* in the result of stream-enterer of weak mental faculty.

#### ii. *Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and attainers-by-seeing*

Both attainers-by-seeing (*mthong thob pa*) and followers of Dharma refer to practitioners of sharp mental faculty who, as explained earlier, rely less on scriptures but more on reasoning, etc. Thus, *abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Gradual-Eliminators and attainers-by-seeing* constitute

